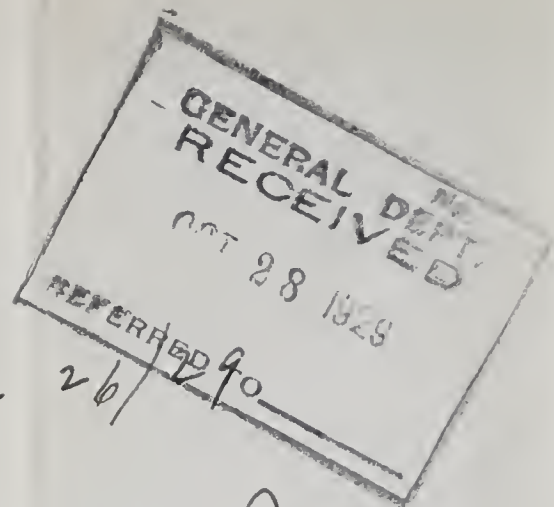


RESIDENT BISHOP
THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY



October 26/29

Mrs. Robert E. Speer

National Y. W. C. A. Office - 60 Lexington Avenue
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Speer,-

Your kind review of my book on
Missions came to me just the other day. I appreciate
more deeply than I can tell you your altogether too
generous treatment. There is no one whose judgment
in such matters I value more highly than yours.

The omission of a discussion of
beauty is a fearful lack. My only excuse was a
limitation of space, - but I regret to have said
something.

Most cordially -

Francis J. McConnell

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REV. LEWIS S. MUDGE, D.D., LL.D.
STATED CLERK-EMERITUS

WITHERSPOON BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

December 1, 1938.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Bobby:

I am greatly encouraged by your card of November 29th with regard to the possibility of your pamphlet collection finding a permanent resting place in the Historical Department of the Office of the General Assembly. Please do not fail to indicate in some definite way your intentions with regard to these pamphlets. The more I think of what must be their contents, the more I long to have these volumes in the possession of the Church, so do not delay, please, in doing what is necessary to make this an assured fact.

Ever affectionately yours,

Lewis S. Mudge

Lewis S. Mudge
Stated Clerk Emeritus

LSM/s

As to my pamphlets, boxes of papers, missionary and religious books, harmonies and Bibles, etc. to have first choice when I am gone. Give them to Board's Foreign Missionary Library, then to Historical Department of the Gen. Assembly, then to Foreign Missions Research Library, then to Princeton Theological Sem. Library.

Robert E. Speer Dec 4 1938

Robert E. Spurr

instructants etc.

his pamphlets,
books, historical
material. etc.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH U. S. A.

SYNOD OF MISSOURI

REV. RALPH A. WAGGONER, D.D., EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

1122 WEST 7TH STREET

TELEPHONE 2075

*Answered
12-8-52*

SEDALIA, MISSOURI

January 30th, 1946.

Dear Doctor Speer:-

The book "The Life and Work of George Irving" was received a few days ago and I prize it greatly. I very much appreciate the inscription you wrote in it. It means more than you'll ever know that we folk in these somewhat remote sections are remembered by you. From time to time I meet friends who have seen you and can tell me of your health and I rejoice in the strength that enables you to continue to serve.

You may also be interested to know that we continue the Faith and Life Seminars here in Missouri. George Irving was a great inspiration to me. This year I was asked to take the place of leader in six Seminars. I am quite convinced of the worth of these projects.

Again thanking you for your courtesy, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ralph
Ralph A. Waggoner.

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Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

October 8, 1947

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Connecticut

Dear Doctor:

It was my pleasure to be present at the fall Retreat of the Staff of this Board in Madison Avenue Church about two years ago, led by your goodself. May I also recall to you that I am the husband of Kate Crichton, whose brother Powell married Miss Martha Bailey of Harrisburg.

The object of this letter is to share with you a very great pleasure I have enjoyed this summer in hearing from Martha's son, Edward Bailey Crichton (affectionately known as Bobbie) while he was attending a great youth conference in Oslo, Norway. May I quote from his letter as follows:

"I finally got a delegate status at Oslo. It was one of the most inspiring things that I have ever seen. The roll, the first day was called by continents. A great many of the greatest Christians of our time were there, and it was a very great privilege to be there."

"I became converted to Christianity. That may seem hard to believe because I was raised in the Christian tradition, but it's quite different to grow up in a faith and to take it as your own. The hardest thing now is to live the faith, so that I can say with Paul, 'To live is Christ, and to die is gain.'"

"I hope to write again and to see you when I get back.

Love,

A servant of God,
Bobbie"

About two weeks ago Bobbie cabled from London to announce his return flight that night and requested the privilege of spending his first night with Mrs. Gredler and myself. We again were^{as} deeply moved to listen to this splendid young crusader as we had been by the above message from Oslo. It warmed our hearts to note the sense of responsibility with which he looked forward to "briefing" the freshmen about to enter California Institute of Technology and the fervency and zeal with which he planned to apply the inspiration he had received in Oslo.

Dr. Robert E. Speers:

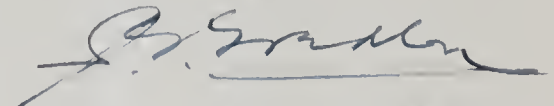
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I handed Bobbie a copy of a recent issue of the Presbyterian Tribune containing the splendid tribute to your life and service and I suggested to this fine young man that he read them carefully and attempt to follow in your footsteps. It is my hope and prayer that the mantle of Dr. Robert E. Speer will fall upon the shoulders of Edward Bailey Crichton.

With assurance of my deep respect, I am,

Cordially yours,



John G. Gredler, Director
Building Aid Collections

JGG/as

THE GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

REV. FRANK FITT, MINISTER

16 LAKE SHORE ROAD

GROSSE POINTE FARMS 30, MICHIGAN

December 11, 1941

My dear Mrs. Spear:-

I am taking the liberty
of enclosing to you the
order of service and
prayer I was privileged
to offer this evening at
the memorial service
for your husband.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Fitt

ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, Who hast given unto us the chief gifts of life and hast bestowed upon us the messengers of Thy way, we thank Thee for the witness of him whose memory has brought us together at this time.

As we offer our prayer of gratitude now we remember him as we saw him and heard him across the years, his manly presence, his unforgettable voice, his earnest spirit, his deep faith and his message of power, and we ask that his influence for Thy redemptive message through our Lord may continue in increasing measure through those who found their inspiration in him. Among the schools and colleges, in the councils of the churches, at mission stations around the world, by means of his written word in many books, may his spirit persist for guidance in thought and action. Evn^e as in the past Thou hast given unto us those mighty ones who stood out as leaders in Thy cause so hast Thou given unto us in our own day and generation Thy servant, Robert Elliott Speer, and for Thy gift we are grateful.

We pray for those things that lay close to his heart and mind and for which through length of

days he expended himself so tirelessly, especially the mission work of Thy Kingdom, that in lands both far and near Thy giving of Thyself in our Lord may be recognized as the supreme truth available for our need. As we offer our petition at this solemn time may we gather strength for ourselves that we, too, may do our full part as Thy servants, that light may take the place of darkness, that the hungry may be fed, that the sorrowing may be comforted and that, across a world stricken by war, hatred and cruelty, the dawn of lasting peace and freedom may come. Help us towards those virtues of character exemplified so unmistakably in him, his loyalty, his fearlessness, his devotion to Thee, that we may find blessing.

We bespeak Thy comforting touch upon those who stood closest to him in home and in friendship, that in his passing they may gather strength as they remember the precious association of the years and find solace in sanctifying memories.

Thus we commit him to Thee in love and adoration, knowing that he has entered into his reward in the further keeping of Thy love and praying that we may be worthy to receive a portion of his heritage.

In the Name of our Lord. Amen.

Woodward Avenue Presbyterian Church

Woodward and Philadelphia Avenues
Detroit 2, Michigan

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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DR. ROBERT ELLIOTT SPEER

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1947 AT 7:45 P. M.

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- Organ Prelude: "Funeral March"** *Chopin*
- Introductory Statement** DR. ROBERT C. STANGER
Minister Bethel Evangelical & Reformed Church, presiding
- Hymn—429: "For all the saints"** *Sarum*
- The Prayer of Invocation** THE REV. G. MERRILL LENOX
Executive Secretary, Detroit Council of Churches
- The Reading of the Scripture** DR. HERBERT B. HUDNUT
Minister, Woodward Avenue Presbyterian Church
- Anthem: "Blest are the Departed"** *Handel*
"Blest are the departed who in the Lord are sleeping, from henceforth for evermore: they rest from their labours, and their works follow them."
The Choir of the Woodward Avenue Presbyterian Church
Mr. Paul W. W. Green — Organist - Director
- The Prayer of Commemoration** DR. FRANK FITT
Minister, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe, Mich.
- Hymn—377, "Jesus shall reign"** *Duke Street*

In Memorium . . .

- Address:** DR. CHARLES HAVEN MYERS, Minister
North Woodward Congregational Church.
- Address:** DR. FREDERICK H. OLERT, Minister
First Presbyterian Church
- The Benediction** DR. ROBERT C. STANGER
- Seven Fold Amen**
- Organ Postlude: Dead March from "Saul"** *Handel*

This Memorial Service was arranged by the Detroit Council of Churches and represents all Churches of the Metropolitan area.

The music is under the direction of Mr. Paul W. W. Green, assisted by the Choir and Quartet of this Church.

600 LEXINGTON AVENUE, NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

THE WOMAN'S PRESS



Jan. 19/48

Dear Mrs. Speer:

I am enclosing your list of names,
as you requested.

I have sent the copies to Bishop Oxnam
and Bishop McConnell.

We shall be happy to send out your other
copies as soon as we hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Lydia DeBosch

John Maltis Letter to B.C. - in

W. Press.

Jan 1948

Mrs Elliott Speer, Dobb's Ferry, N.Y.

Miss Caroline Speer, Apt 7 A. 325 East 72nd St. N.Y.C.

William Speer, Edgebrook, New Brunswick, N.J.

Dr and Mrs R.F. Barbour, Hill House, Iron Acton,
Gloucestershire, England.

Miss McMurtrie, Penn St. Huntingdon, Penn.

Mr and Mrs Charles Lincoln Reed 234 Penn St.
Huntingdon, Penn.

Mrs W. McM. Speer, "Justhome", Palisades, N.Y.

George Reilly Bailey,
1604 North Second St.
Harrisburg, Penn.

Mrs Henry McC Gross, North front St. 2905
Harrisburg, Penn.

Mrs Powell Crofton, Harbour View, Paget, Bermuda.

Mrs John Lambrecht, 1334, 31st St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Mrs Douglas Moore, 464 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y.

Dr and Mrs Henry Sloan Coffin, Lakeville, Conn.

The Rev John Mackay, D.D. Princeton, N.J.

The Rev. Lloyd S. Ruland, 156 Fifth Ave. New York. N.Y.

The Rev W.R. Wheeler, YALE-in-CHINA, New Haven Conn.

James S. Cushman, 915 Fifth Ave. New York.

Mr and Mrs E. M. Bulkley, 7817 Fifth Ave. New York. N.Y.

George Innes, 1704 Meadowbrook Road, Altadena, Cal.

Mr and Mrs Thomas Wagner, Lakeville, Conn.

Mr and Mrs John Lester, Brook Road, Wayne, Penn.

Mrs Sheafe Satterthwaite, 40 Grand view Terrace,
Tenafly, N.J.

Miss M.H. Shearman, Care of Mrs Garrett,
5301 York Road, Philadelphia 41. Pa.

Miss Florence Evelyn Smith, casilla 211 Santiago, Chile.

Miss Clara Reed Edgewood Gardens, Springfield, Mass.

The Rev John Strong, D.D. The Antlers, Colorado Springs.

Mrs William S. Stone, 940 Washington St,
San Francisco, Cal. Colorado.

1948

Mrs William Gould,
Gould Farm, Great Barrington. Mass.
The Rev Sidney McKee,
Gould Farm, Great Barrington, Mass.

May I have this list back again?
Thank you - I enclose checks for
\$8.40 ^{7 stamps} to cover postages to England
& Chile -

also -

Dr. James H. Franklin
6430 Roselawn Road, Richmond, Va.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam
Bishop F. J. McConnell
150 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Mr. Mrs J. Lovell Murray, 89 Bernard Ave.
Toronto, Canada
The Rev. Wm Coleman.
C/o The Rev. Harold F. Coleman, Carrying Place, Ont. "
Dr. C. B. McAfee, ⁷³⁵ ~~870~~ Washington St. Woburn, Mass.
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San. Zimmers

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
THE NORTHFIELD SCHOOLS
EAST NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

January 22, 1948

My dear Mrs. Speer:

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Northfield Schools, held in the Board Room of the Bank of the Manhattan Company on January 16th, the Trustees voted to include a resolution on Doctor Speer in the minutes. I thought you might like to have this resolution and am enclosing a copy for you to keep.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

William E. Park

President

Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

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FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE NORTHFIELD SCHOOLS -
A RESOLUTION ON DR. ROBERT E. SPEER
January 16, 1948

The Board of Trustees of The Northfield Schools records with deep regret the death of a member, Robert Elliott Speer, on November 23, 1947.

Doctor Speer, who was Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States for forty-six years, became a member of our Board in June, 1896. He was for many years a leader at the Northfield Conferences, and through them became interested in the Schools. He was a yearly speaker at the Northfield Student Conference from 1889 to 1936 and took part in many of the foreign missionary conferences. From 1893 to 1939 he was a frequent speaker at the Young Women's Conferences and the Northfield General Conference, appearing as the special Centennial speaker at this conference in 1937. He was often guest preacher in the Chapels of our Schools and his visits were a source of inspiration to both students and faculty. He spoke in the Mount Hermon Chapel in the fall of 1946 and was to have been with us again in 1947 but his illness prevented it.

We on the Board of Trustees of the Northfield Schools will sorely miss the wisdom and guidance of Doctor Speer. We realize well that he was one of the truly great Christian leaders of our time and we feel grateful for the association we had with him.

OUTREACH

Successor to

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A Monthly Magazine of Missions

Published by the Woman's Committee of the Boards of National and Foreign Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
and the Board of Christian Education

FLORENCE HAYES, Editor

156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 10, N. Y.

March 1, 1948

Mrs. Robert E. Speer
825 Montgomery Avenue
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Speer:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 28, received in this morning's mail. I must apologize for not having acknowledged receipt of the manuscript with your corrections noted. We were all busy here with the preparation of final copy for the April issue of the magazine.

We have made, I think, every change suggested. Miss Speer thought that the paragraphs which referred to Dr. Speer's sense of humor should be included. You will find I have put them back into the article. She also said, "Mother is adamant about the mention of herself, anyway," so I took out even the line you gave me. I hope that meets with your wishes.

I am very happy to enclose the original copy just as Dr. Wheeler sent it in to us. He cut a few lines because of its length, as I have noted in the margins. I had a letter from him this morning, asking if I could include a paragraph about Dr. Speer's interest in fishing. I am very sorry it came just too late.

I hope you and your daughter are well and happy in Bryn Mawr.

Sincerely,


Florence Hayes
Editor

FH:VH
Enclosure

Such as I enjoy hearing from you - and the big lift even seeing your hand writing
or post-mark gives me - yet I ask you not to try to reply to this because you have
enough tax on your time and strength - and I can enjoy thinking of you. *JMB*

MRS. ARTHUR BAVE
963 VIRGIL AVENUE
RIDGEFIELD, NEW JERSEY
MORSEMERE 6-4956

April 4 1948

My dear Mrs Speer:

I think of you many times a day and hope you are very well - I know you are very busy - and that the new way of life is not being too difficult.

The enclosed clipping is one of Dr Ellis's bits from the Hudson Dispatch and I thought it might interest you.

Of the several hundred preachers I have know more or less well and worked with there were only three who seemed to me really honest to goodness living up to their standards - Dr Speer - Dr Lucius Bugbee and Dr Ellis. I think I should add Bishop Thoburn who was one of the world's best. Now that Dr Bugbee is gone it leaves only Dr Ellis and he had a very bad accident early in the winter. However, Mrs Ellis wrote that he was quite all right again.

If these fine people must pass on we are glad to have had them and still retain the memory of their influence.

It has been a difficult winter here and I along with many others have been very ill - though I missed only two days from work - But now that the warmer weather is here - we hope to stay - everybody will be better and life will go on a little longer.

The new peach trees I put in last Fall are budded and all the plants and things are up nicely crocuses are in bloom - I presume your gardens are much farther advanced than ours.

With every good wish for you and all your household Very sincerely

Sara Bave

PRAYER NOTES - SEPTEMBER 1947

CAMPBELL

PRAISE: For a healthful summer and for a chance to read some great books in the field of education. Gratitude that both of our children are developing into serious students with Christian purpose.

PRAYER: That God may direct me in conversations with two college presidents who seem to be leading their colleges away from their Christian purpose: That the study on the Place of Christianity in Higher Education may be of service to the whole Protestant movement. Special prayer/asked for the meeting of the Committee on the Study, Sept. 29th and 30th.

CAVERT

PRAISE: For the privilege of sharing in the Whitby meeting of the I.M.C. and for the positive notes which it sounded, especially that of world-wide evangelism.

For a restful and renewing vacation in rural Quebec; and, incidentally, many rewarding contacts with leaders in the Canadian churches.

PRAYER: For wisdom in dealing with some very difficult problems on the horizon, - including relations with the Roman Catholic Church and the bitter and misleading attacks by the ultra-sectarian Fundamentalists.

LAIOUNETTE

PRAISE: For a remarkably successful and inspiring meeting of the I.M.C. at Whitby; for happy weeks in my Oregon home writing and resting.

PRAYER: For the usefulness of the little book on the Whitby gathering of which I am joint author; for the coming weeks abroad. I sail Sept. 18th to be back Dec. 9th. I am to lecture at the Ecumenical Institute, Oct. 3-7, in Regents Park College, Oxford, Oct. 17-24; preach at St. Giles, Edinburgh, Oct. 19th; give the Cadbury Lectures at the University of Birmingham, Oct. 28-Nov. 27; lecture at Cambridge Nov. 10th; at Hereford Oct. 27th, Nov. 3 and at Worcester, Nov. 17, 24. For strength and guidance in all these appointments.

MACKAY

PRAISE: For a diversified and joyous summer - speaking engagements at Interseminary Conference, I.M.C. meeting, Canada, Princeton Institute of Theology, Bonclanken, Montreat, Ridge Crest, and Junalaska. For an unusual sense of God's presence in speaking. For the experience of the reality of the Holy Spirit at the I.M.C. meeting. For a restful and inspiring vacation time in the mountains of North Carolina.

PRAYER: For the opening of the Seminary at the end of October. For God's unerring guidance in dealing with an appeal from the I.M.C. For the final preparations before Seminary opens at the end of September. For much needed wisdom in preparing lecture series for Edinburgh and Louisville during the next school year.

MOIT

PRAISE: Kindly join me in prayers of thanksgiving for marvelous answers to prayer in connection with the all-important and intensely absorbing series of international consultations and conferences during the past few weeks in Britain.

PRAY for divine guidance in selecting from the mass of invitations for service as to those to which I should give heed or right of way.

PINSON

THANKSGIVING: For a healthful, happy summer - most of the time keeping "BachelorHall" at home; for cheering visits to nephews in Maine and Massachusetts; for Good news from dear ones in China, India, Europe and America; for good reports from members of our Quiet Day group.

PRAYER: For plans for our Quiet Day; for a dear young friend who is in danger of being misled into the Roman Catholic Church; for another dear one who greatly needs a spiritual New Birth; for wisdom in new responsibilities as the autumn work opens.

SPEER

THANKSGIVING: For a happy, useful summer, good conferences, fruitful church services and much joy in our home, the gardens and the shop.

PRAYER: For engagements in East Liberty Church, Pittsburgh, Sept. 7th, and with the Moravian ministers in Winston-Salem, 23-25; for our British children going to a new home near Bristol; for our oldest granddaughter, Caroline, home from Syria and with her plans still undetermined.

WILSON

PRAISE: For the Whitby IMC conference and its emphasis on world-wide expectant evangelism. For the many evidences that the fire of the Gospel is being kindled in many lands. For a fruitful missions conference at Green Lake (Northern Baptist Assembly).

PRAYER: For a heavy fall schedule of speaking, writing, conferring, including some special service to the I.M.C. in sending forth to all the churches the special insights and findings at the Whitby Conference. For missionaries new and old who have sailed for their fields during the summer months.

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 19, 1948

Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Mrs. Speer:

Yesterday I had the unspeakable joy of being at Huntingdon. The occasion was the unveiling of a Memorial Tablet in Dr. Speer's home church at which I was privileged to give the address. I chose as my text the first words in Isaiah 42:1 -- "Behold my servant."

After making clear that the words referred in the primary and supreme sense to Jesus Christ, I spoke of Dr. Speer as a servant of Christ, as a servant of the Word of God (speaking of his love of the Bible and his power as a preacher and expositor of Biblical truth), and thirdly as a servant of God's missionary cause. There was a large congregation and I felt greatly helped in speaking.

Miss McMurtrie was my hostess. She showed me many of her treasures which were linked to the Speer family and regaled me with many stories of Dr. Speer's life. As I breathed the atmosphere of her home and that of the Reed home where Dr. Speer was born, I felt that I understood him better than ever before, sensing how intimately he was linked to a long and great tradition that went back two centuries.

Miss McMurtrie and the Reeds were very much interested in the idea that our new library in Princeton Seminary should bear the name of Dr. Speer.

After pondering the matter a great deal I venture to ask if, after all, his name might not be linked to this project from the beginning. It is here in Princeton that his missionary devotion began to burn. It is from here he went to the Foreign Board. During his time as a Board Secretary he was a member of the Seminary's governing board. At the time of the Centennial in 1912 he surveyed the contribution of Princeton Seminary to the missionary movement. Upon his retirement from the Board of Foreign Missions he became President of the Seminary Board of Trustees. The project which he was most interested in and to the plans for which he devoted a great deal of attention was our new library. Could anything be more appropriate than that the new library should bear his name and that it should be told to the

Mrs. Robert E. Speer

July 19, 1948

American public in general that that was the intention.

In the library would be a special honored alcove where I would dare hope that the bulk of his invaluable collection of books might one day be housed for the inspiration and enlightenment of future generations of Princeton Seminary students. In that way his name would be worthily cherished in a place to which he was closely linked in life and which would carry on his memory and traditions into the future generations.

I do hope, therefore, that you and the other members of the family will see this point of view. We shall, of course, be most deferential to your wishes in the matter, but I earnestly hope that consent will be forthcoming to the idea that Princeton Seminary wants to perpetuate in this way the memory of one of its greatest sons.

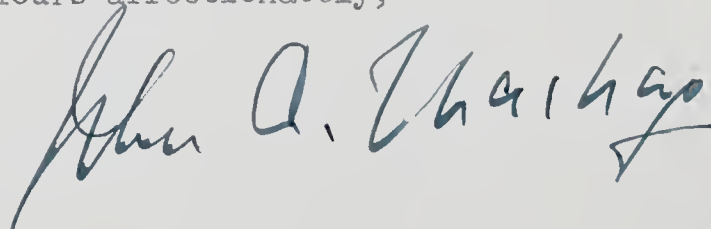
Mrs. Mackay and I sail on the Mauretania for Southampton on Wednesday. Dr. Quay, our new Vice President whom you know, will be in Princeton a good part of the Summer and will be in touch with you.

It was a very great joy to have had you during Commencement time. The addresses given at the Memorial Service will be duly printed in our next Bulletin and copies will be sent to you.

I learned yesterday that Mrs. Barbour is also sailing on the Mauretania. In that case we shall be on the lookout for her.

Give my warmest regards to Miss Margaret and to William and all the members of the family. I trust you will have a very joyous Summer among those lovely Connecticut hills.

Yours affectionately,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "John A. Chaikyo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

P.S. I ought to have mentioned that I have taken up with several key members of the Board of Foreign Missions, both Board members and members of the Staff, the question of our library project. They apparently will not have the slightest objection to any connection that may be established or proposed between the name of Dr. Speer and the new library.

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

September 13, 1948

Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

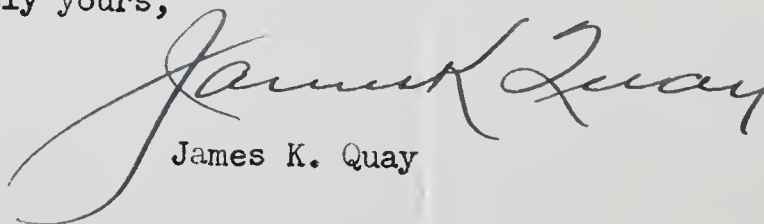
My dear Mrs. Speer:

The letter containing your final decision regarding the memorial library for Dr. Speer at Princeton reached my office in my absence. Of course we are disappointed, but I know your decision has been arrived at only after very sympathetic consideration and prayer. We, therefore, accept your conclusion with real appreciation of the difficulty you have faced.

We shall be most grateful indeed to receive the valuable collection of pamphlets from Dr. Speer's library and to arrange a special place for them in the new building when that becomes a reality. I am sure Dr. Mackay and the other members of the Faculty and the Board of Trustees will all be grateful for this enduring evidence of Dr. Speer's loyalty and long years of service to Princeton Seminary.

Mrs. Quay and I are still searching for a modest place where we can spend our summers. It would indeed be nice if we could locate somewhere in the lovely vicinity about Lakeville. Were she here, I know she would wish to join me in warmest wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,


James K. Quay

JKQ:d

C O P Y

Smith, Buchanan & Ingersoll
Union Trust Building
Pittsburgh 19, Pa.

October 16, 1948

Mrs. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Mrs. Speer:

When I was in Princeton at the Seminary Board meeting on Tuesday I learned from Dr. Quay that he had heard from you that you thought that the library which it is the desire of the Seminary to build should not be named for Dr. Speer. I talked with both him and Dr. Mackay about the matter and said that I should like to write to you on the subject.

I feel very sure that Dr. Speer did not have such a memorial as the library building in mind when he said that he thought that there should be no memorial. If you know that I am wrong about this, please disregard what I say in this letter. I only know that when, shortly after Dr. Speer's death, I made a small contribution to what I hoped would be a memorial for him in the library, the thought of naming the building for him had not occurred to me. Moreover, as soon as I heard of the proposal that the building should be named for him, I felt that no other name would be so appropriate. I do not mean that it should be called the Speer Memorial Library, but rather the Robert E. Speer Library. I will try to set down briefly in this letter why I think the library should be so named.

My first reason for desiring that there be a Speer Library is to honor Robert E. Speer. We have at the Seminary three buildings named for men to whom the institution and the Church owe a great deal: Alexander Hall, Miller Chapel, Hodge Hall. The idea for another of the buildings is to name it the Benjamin B. Warfield Hall. With these four names there is no other which may be so appropriately selected to preserve in tangible form the Princeton tradition for future generations as that of Robert E. Speer. And I think it goes without saying that for his name to be associated with the library would be even better than to have it associated with any other building.

My secondary reason (and I assure you that it is distinctly secondary in spite of my obligation as a Trustee) for letting the public know that we wish to have a Robert E. Speer Library is that I believe that twice as much money can be raised to make the library building a suitable one if it is known that it will bear that name as would be raised if it were to be anonymous. Presbyterians at large know how much they owe to Robert E. Speer. At the same time, I can assure you after my conversation with Dr. Mackay and Dr. Quay that no solicitation of a contribution will

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Mrs. Robert E. Speer - 2

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With affectionate regard, I am

Sincerely yours,

John G. Buchanan (signed)

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Smith, Buchanan & Ingersoll
Union Trust Building
Pittsburgh 19, Pa.

October 16, 1948

Mrs. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Mrs. Speer:

When I was in Princeton at the Seminary Board meeting on Tuesday I learned from Dr. Quay that he had heard from you that you thought that the library which it is the desire of the Seminary to build should not be named for Dr. Speer. I talked with both him and Dr. Mackay about the matter and said that I should like to write to you on the subject.

I feel very sure that Dr. Speer did not have such a memorial as the library building in mind when he said that he thought that there should be no memorial. If you know that I am wrong about this, please disregard what I say in this letter. I only know that when, shortly after Dr. Speer's death, I made a small contribution to what I hoped would be a memorial for him in the library, the thought of naming the building for him had not occurred to me. Moreover, as soon as I heard of the proposal that the building should be named for him, I felt that no other name would be so appropriate. I do not mean that it should be called the Speer Memorial Library, but rather the Robert E. Speer Library. I will try to set down briefly in this letter why I think the library should be so named.

My first reason for desiring that there be a Speer Library is to honor Robert E. Speer. We have at the Seminary three buildings named for men to whom the institution and the Church owe a great deal: Alexander Hall, Miller Chapel, Hodge Hall. The idea for another of the buildings is to name it the Benjamin B. Warfield Hall. With these four names there is no other which may be so appropriately selected to preserve in tangible form the Princeton tradition for future generations as that of Robert E. Speer. And I think it goes without saying that for his name to be associated with the library would be even better than to have it associated with any other building.

My secondary reason (and I assure you that it is distinctly secondary in spite of my obligation as a Trustee) for letting the public know that we wish to have a Robert E. Speer Library is that I believe that twice as much money can be raised to make the library building a suitable one if it is known that it will bear that name as would be raised if it were to be anonymous. Presbyterians at large know how much they owe to Robert E. Speer. At the same time, I can assure you after my conversation with Dr. Mackay and Dr. Quay that no solicitation of a contribution will

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The Board of Foreign Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Office of the Secretary

October 20, 1948

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Lakeville, Connecticut.

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I have received your letter, together with the letter from Mr. Buchanan. The thousand copies of "Five Minutes a Day" will be sufficient to supply both our active missionaries and our retired missionaries as well as the members of the executive staff of the Board.

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Enc. Mr. Buchanan's letter

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Lakeville
Connecticut

Monday, October 25th, 1948

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And if you like it could be said that the family will contribute much of Mr. Speer's theological library to this Princeton project.

I am enclosing both Mr. Ruland's and Mr. Buchanan's letters for you to see, noting especially what Mr. Ruland says about the Board's attitude.

Since I have no secretary, can you have copies made for me of this letter and of the two that I enclose - five of each - that I may send them to the children?

With thanks for this secretarial aid, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Emma Bailey Speer (signed)

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My copies

John Buchanan

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Dr. Paul Mackay

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Dr. Quay

*Copies to
Bill*

October 28, 1948

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Mrs. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

*Harry
Pat
Mackay
Courtney*

*Reginald
The Seminary
Library*

My dear Mrs. Speer:

As you may imagine, Dr. Mackay and I are both delighted at the response which you made to Mr. Buchanan's request for the use of Dr. Speer's name on the new library building. We quite understand the reservations you have as to the way in which the name is to be used, - "As a fact and not as a lever in raising the money." We shall do our very best to conform with your wishes in this matter, and if at any time it ever seems to you that our statements to the public overstep the line of your desire, I hope you will say so at once.

As Mr. Buchanan points out, while we shall not go out with a high-pressure promotion campaign to raise money with the use of Dr. Speer's name, the very fact that the library will bear his name undoubtedly will make our task very much easier, and will produce gifts for the library that otherwise we should not have received. We are tremendously grateful for your fine cooperation in this matter. I feel sure that, as we proceed with our plans for raising money for this building, we shall give you no occasion to regret your decision. On the contrary, I hope that when this lovely building is at last in place on the campus of Princeton Seminary you will find abundant and lasting satisfaction in the knowledge that it will keep green in the memory and thought of generations of students yet to come the great ministry of Dr. Speer throughout the Christian world. Will you please convey to the other members of your family our appreciation of their share in this decision.

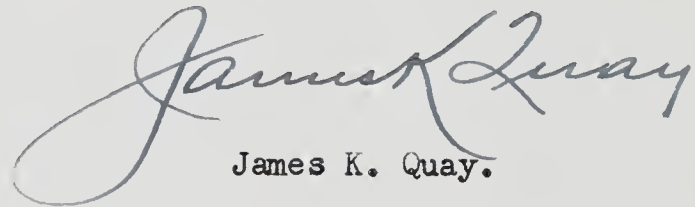
As you requested, I am making copies of the three letters which you sent to me. There is one word in the letter which you addressed to me which I find it difficult to decipher. I think, instead of guessing, we shall simply leave the space blank and you can fill it in by pen.

A good deal of the space in your typewritten letter to me of October 24th is taken up with description of a house and acreage which you feel we might be interested in as we look for a summer location. Mrs. Quay and I have done a good deal of searching since we last saw you. Our search has covered not only the Pennsylvania and New England countryside, but also the state of our own family budget.

With two girls still in college, and with one boy in seminary, who looks to us for at least a part of his support, it now seems quite clear to us that, for the next few years at least, we shall have to content ourselves with renting some place for a month or two each summer, and abstain from the thing which we would very much rather do of buying a place which will be our very own. Therefore, for the present, I think we shall have to give up further search, even though this place which you describe sounds extremely attractive. Perhaps when we finally settle down it may be in the neighborhood of Lakeville, Connecticut. I assure you one of the attractions of that locality would be the opportunity to see you and the Coffins frequently. We did enjoy the brief visit we had with you when we were up your way, and we shall certainly call again on the first opportunity. Meanwhile, do try to come over to see us in Princeton if you can. After our long sojourn in the rather monotonous climate of Egypt, Mrs. Quay and I are enjoying the glorious march of the seasons, which is the great charm of this part of America.

Mrs. Quay, were she here, I know would wish to join me in warmest wishes to you and to your family,

Sincerely yours,



James K. Quay.

JKQ:h

89 BERNARD AVENUE
TORONTO 5, CANADA

Feb'y 11, 1949

Dear Mrs. Speer,

Needless to say, I am pleased and proud to have the two books by Robert which you sent me recently. "Jesus and Our ^{Human} Problems" is, I think, the only volume from his pen which I had not read and I am about to do that now. It was widely acclaimed, as I remember, at the time of its appearance. "Five Minutes a Day" was in my hands soon after publication and I went through it to my inspiration and profit during a year, day by day. As soon as I received this copy from you I started it again and as before I am getting not only spiritual stimulus but intellectual stimulus and delight as well. The copy I already had I have given to my son and I hope and pray that he too will receive refreshment of both heart and mind. Recently he has had a new spiritual experience which, I trust confidently, will be enhanced by his daily use of Robert's book.

The brief inscriptions which you put in the books have warmed my heart. They were quite characteristic of you and I have read them again and again. They have made the books more precious to me.

Before closing this letter I must explain the regrettable delay in my acknowledgement of your gift. The package was held up at the Customs Office and I have been prevented by poor health from going to claim it. A "strep" throat - which is my bête noir - has kept me indoors for many weeks, except now & again recently when I have been taking short walks on sunny days. My former secretary (I have recently retired as Director of the Canadian School of Missions) was kind enough to get the parcel from Customs and quite recently my successor brought it here to my home from the School.

I trust you are enjoying good health and a continued sense of the Divine comradeship. How Mrs. Murray and I would rejoice to see you! We send you our best wishes.

Affectionately yours

Howell Murray

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REV. R. PIERCE BEAVER, PH. D., Curator

July 19, 1949

Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

*Telephone (Sherman
Conn)*

Dear Mrs. Speer,

19 New Milford

Your gracious card of July 16 has been received with much pleasure and satisfaction, for I have been contemplating asking Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin to inquire of you about the possibility of placing Dr. Speer's papers and missionary materials here. We shall be grateful for whatever you may wish to deposit with us. Dr. Speer is the great missionary statesman of the first half of this century. He was a friend of this library and served it faithfully as chairman of its committee in its most critical years. We would like to receive not only the pamphlets, but personal papers relating to his life and missionary ministry, if you should see fit to place them here in this premier missionary library of all the world.

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I am going to Montreat at the end of this week to lecture to the new missionaries of the Southern Presbyterian Church and shall return about the seventeenth of August. I have a cottage at Sherman about thirty miles south of Lakeville, and can readily call at your convenience. Please set a date between August 17 and 31. Address me here at the Library and the letter will be forwarded. If that period is not convenient I can come almost any time after September 1.

Answered

Sincerely,

R Pierce Beaver
R. Pierce Beaver
Curator

RPB gr

*Said Speer
Thurs. or Friday*

600 - W. 122 Street
New York 27, N.Y.
February 2, 1950

Mrs. Robert E. Speers
To Miss Speer
Shipley School
Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Speer:

I am a student at Union Theological Seminary and a worker in the Missionary Research Library here.

Dr. Beaver, The Curator, said he thought that Dr. Speer had a set of the Nicene Fathers, post and ante but that they would probably go to Princeton.

I was wondering if it would not be possible to purchase this set of books from you since the Library at Princeton would probably have a couple of sets already. However, I would not like to break into your plans too much.

Dear Mrs. Spear,

Thank you for the hospitality of Rockledge once again. Miss Frank and I have been well cared for, and we made good progress in listing the books for offering to the missionary libraries in Europe. I would like to come again two weeks from today, the 15th, if my calendar permits — as it appears to do so now — and if that is convenient for you.

I took the set of church Fathers for Thomas Brooks. Many thanks.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Pinebeaver

Yet, if you should have them
and would help me that much
I should appreciate it very very
much.

Sincerely yours
'A student'
Thomas E. Brooks

Received from Mrs. [unclear]

Miss Felling

Mr. [unclear]

(Miss)

Dear Dr. Beaver -

I couldn't find
three "Larkens" to-day, but
if you can put your
hand on them, will you
take them to this lady? -

Can you get me his address?

It is too bad to
miss you to-day, but
Alice will be delighted
to help in any way.

You will have tomorrow
Sunday see you at
one - or later or earlier.

As you wish

Yours sincerely
Emma Spence

Fuh-Siang Girls' School, Changsha, Hunan
March 8, 1950

Dear Mrs. Speer,

It will, no doubt, seem strange to you, at this late date, to be receiving a letter about the devotional book, "Five Minutes A Day", which you so graciously sent to the missionaries of the Presbyterian Board. For a long time, it has been on my heart to write a letter of thanks and tell you about two of those books.

When the books arrived in China, many of our missionaries had already returned home and others were no longer in their usual place of service. I was at that time helping in the China Council office in Shanghai. In the office at that time were two young secretaries who were leaving Shanghai to go to the camp for displaced persons in the Philippines. One was a White Russian girl, the other girl was Portuguese, married to a White Russian boy. When they left, I gave each of them a copy of the book, "Five Minutes A Day". One was my own copy since I already owned the book; the other was a copy of a very dear friend who had just returned home and who, I was sure, would be glad to have her's used in that way since she could get another. Both of the girls were deeply appreciative and later wrote back that they were reading the book daily.

Just before Shanghai changed hands, I went on to HongKong to help in the office which had just been opened there. After a few months a call came for service here in Hunan. While a change in government was imminent, I felt very clearly that it was God's will for me to come, so flew in last July 24, just ten days before the turnover took place here.

There are days of vast change in China, and we sometimes wonder if we can see the forest for the trees. We are deeply grateful that a door of service is still open. Though there are changes in the type and scope of work which can be carried on, it still seems very worthwhile to be here. The day I flew in, while on the plane I read in the book "Daily Strength for Daily Needs" these lines:

"Thou camest not to thy place by accident,
It is the very place God meant for thee;
And shouldst thou there small scope for a ction see,
Do not for this give room to discontent."

It is encouraging to remember those lines when sometimes our plans do not materialize. One Chinese friend said recently that he feels it worthwhile to have the missionaries here even if they can do none of their regular work, because of the sense of world-wide fellowship in the Christian cause.

Some of us who were looking forward to furlough this summer are now faced with the question of whether or not we should go when it is all but impossible for reinforcements to come in. Since this was to be my first furlough and home ties are still very, very strong, it was quite a struggle to give up the prospect of seeing my family this summer, but now I feel that if it is clearly God's will, I am willing to stay on longer.

In these days of uncertainty, the messages of encouragement and hope contained in "Five Minutes A Day" mean more to us than ever.

I don't know if any one ever wrote you about Mr. Wilmot Boone, a third generation missionary to China, who had served here over thirty years. A year ago last January he was called "Home" very suddenly while out in a truck getting some lumber together for a refugee project. That morning before he left home, at family devotions he had read from "Five Minutes A Day". I don't remember just which reading it was, but it was so wonderfully appropriate and almost prophetic of the events of that day, that at the funeral service Dr. Reuben Torrey drew largely upon it in giving the message.

Many have received help and blessing, I am sure, through the book, and would like to express to you their sincere appreciation for it.

Yours in Christ,

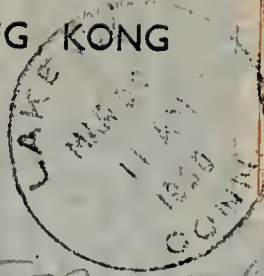
Dorothy C. Wagner

BY AIR MAIL

HONG KONG

AIR LETTER

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED
THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT
BY ORDINARY MAIL.



825 Montross Ave
Mrs. Robert C. Speer
Rockledge
Lakerville, Connecticut
Wm. M. S. J. [unclear]

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W. A. Cameron
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My dear Mrs Speer:

You have done another lovely thing for me, and for many friends, who are already sharing those wonderful books of Dr. Speers. We are all of us very grateful and will be much stimulated and blessed, in reading them.

We expect to fly to Kashmir (what that a lovely prospect!) for our holiday, in a couple of weeks. And those books will be included in our 40-lbs. per-person luggage.

We have very often wished that you might make the World 'Round trip we spoke of at Lakeville in 1931 - During all these years we have often mentioned experiences or people or adventures that you would have enjoyed. I am sorry it seems wiser not to come. But you are never unaware of human needs; and of what pressure political processes exert; and of the down drag of too little food, be it in Europe or Asia. Here, Diseases of malnutrition are evident on all sides.

After many years of "Jungles preferred" (^{+ District Medicine}), we are again in Fatchgarh, + I am acting as stop gap, woman doctor. It is always strenuous, + full of variety, whether in villages or in Hospital, and taxes ones Medical love to the very verge. And how rewarding, too, if one can only keep remembering that Medical Work^(or any other) is the outward and visible sign of the very Love of God for these, His ~~dis~~possessed.

Again and again, thank you for the Books, and for your lovely letter, and for the Prayers with which you remember all of us missionaries unto the ends of the earth. very grateful and admirably, and affectionately, Marian L. Moore.

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Please give my love to Mr & Mrs Seloo

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THE REV. R. PIERCE BEAVER, Ph.D., *Curator*
WINIFRED V. EISENBERG, B.A., B.S., *Librarian*

June 14, 1950

Dear Mrs. Speer:

The late spring probably delayed your return to Lakeville, but I suppose that you have now been in residence there for several weeks. I am eager to call on you again as soon as it is convenient for you and to complete the transfer of books to the Missionary Research Library. I shall telephone you while I am at Sherman during the coming weekend.

The cataloguing of the books and other items from Dr. Speer's library has been a major activity of our cataloguer all winter and spring. She has been making good progress. Because of its magnitude and the necessity of fitting it in with the cataloguing of new books, the task is a slow process.

I shall be away from the Library from the middle of July until the first of October.

Mrs. Beaver joins me in greetings.

R. Pierce Beaver
Sincerely,

Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

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July 6, 1950

Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Rock Ledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Mrs. Speer:

My wife informed me that you telephoned a few days ago and asked her to tell me that you and your children had decided that certain of Dr. Speer's papers and portfolios are to be placed in the Missionary Research Library. I greatly rejoice in this decision for it means that a wealth of important materials nowhere else available to missionary scholars will be deposited here where they can be effectively used. Along with Dr. Speer's books and pamphlets, these papers and other documents will extend his missionary ministry through the work of this Library, to which he contributed so much of his time and thought. His influence will continue to exert itself in many forms and in many ways, but I believe that what will be accomplished through the use of his books and papers in the Library will be especially important for many years to come.

It will not be possible for me to call upon you again until October, but just as soon as I can find the time after my return from Europe I shall come to Lakeville in order to arrange the matter.

With greetings and warm thanks,

Sincerely,

R. Pierce Beaver

R. Pierce Beaver
Curator

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THE REV. R. PIERCE BEAVER, Ph.D., *Curator*
WINIFRED V. EISENBERG, B.A., B.S., *Librarian*

July 12, 1950

Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Rock Ledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Mrs. Speer:

Enclosed you will find two copies of the book plate which is being placed in each volume from Dr. Speer's library. I hope that it meets with your approval.

Sincerely,



R. Pierce Beaver
Curator

RPB:f

THE BALDWIN SCHOOL
BRYN MAWR
PENNSYLVANIA

August 8, 1910

Dearst Garry -

Thank you so very much
for sending us that beautiful
letter of Goggie's - it
meant a great deal to us
to read it. How very beauti-
ful Goggie wrote - well,
because his thoughts were
that way, I suppose. - How
very strange it must have
been for you to open the
envelope & see his hand-
writing. - I'm so glad
to have read the letter,
& the things Goggie said

is it have been very
illuminating to me, not only
about Daddy's death, but
about many ^{other} things as
well.

I am looking for you
hair pins, but don't
find any yet - Am
going on a shopping ex-
pedition tomorrow, and
will hope to get them.

With much love from
us both, dearest Grammy.

Love loving

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October 2, 1950

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My dear Mrs. Speer:

From the time that I was President of the Yale Y.M.C.A., down through the years until I talked to him in Chicago when last he was here, your beloved husband was my friend, and his life has influenced me more than that of any other man except my Father.

On a recent Sabbath, Rev. Harrison Ray Anderson, Pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, who also had the privilege of friendship with Robert Speer and felt the same influence as I, told of this in a sermon to his people. Later we talked to each other about your husband, and I was saddened to learn that it was Mr. Speer's wish that his biography and the history of what he did should not be published. I can understand that it was in the spirit of humility that he came to his decision, but I feel that destiny and the welfare of the world are greater than one's own personal conclusions, and it is with that thought in mind that I write this letter.

To us who knew your husband he will always be an inspiration and a guide, but in a few years there will have grown up a generation who never had the blessing, which has

Mrs. Robert E. Speer

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been ours, of knowing him. It is in behalf of these that I speak to urge, for the sake of the Cause, that you consent to the printed recordation, on whatever conditions you care to impose, of what Robert Speer was and accomplished, so that his memory will never be forgotten.

I am sure that if he were alive today, in this troubled world which is in need of spiritual help and the guidance of a good and great man, he would understand.

I think it would be an unspeakable tragedy if the story of what he was and did should be lost to the world.

Forgive me, a stranger to you, for writing as I do, but I am speaking for those who will need help in the years to come.

Perhaps you could write to Dr. Anderson, whom you know, if some plan may be made effective.

Sincerely,

Matthew Mills,

Mrs. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville,
Connecticut.

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October 26, 1950

Dear Mrs. Spear,

Providing the date is satisfactory to you, my secretary and I plan to come to Rockledge next Wednesday, November 1, to list the books for offering to the European missionary libraries. We shall arrive about ten o'clock.

At the close of the Convocation yesterday I had a brief conversation with Dr. Coffin. It appears to me that the type of book which he has in mind would not be a violation of Dr. Spear's request and that it would prevent the preparation of a poor and unauthorized biography by someone. Unless something good is produced fairly soon, someone is certain to undertake a "life."

Sincerely,

R Pierce Beaver

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THE REV. R. PIERCE BEAVER, Ph.D., *Curator*
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October 30, 1950

Mrs. Robert Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.


Dear Mrs. Speer:

Thank you for your card.

Wednesday is the only day that I have free for a trip to Lakeville this week. I think, therefore, that Miss Franck and I had better come and list the books for offering to the libraries in Europe even though you are away. Please tell Alice to expect us there on Wednesday morning, November 1st.

I shall hope to come once again before you leave Rockledge for the winter.

Sincerely,



R. Pierce Beaver

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November 3, 1950

Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Speer:

On October 9th we wrote you that we are printing another edition of Dr. Speer's book, FIVE MINUTES A DAY. We requested that you send us any corrections which you may have.

Since we are going to press in a short time, we should appreciate receiving any corrections by November 15th.

Cordially yours,



O. K. Finkbeiner

OKF/hgl

Fourth Presbyterian Church
Chicago 11, Illinois

Answered 12-8-52

CHURCH OFFICE
126 E. CHESTNUT STREET
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June 2, 1951

Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Speer:

Your husband was with me at Cincinnati and I told the Assembly he was there by my side.

Thank you for your gracious word. I hope some day you will write me that the Holy Spirit is leading you to reconsider your decision. It simply is not fair not to give Dr. Speer's life to students such as my son who are studying for the ministry. Sooner or later someone will write Dr. Speer's life and it could be written now by some sympathetic friend who would write it in the proper way. I hope you will not consider me too persistent in this regard and I hope before the year is over that I may have the privilege of visiting with you.

Give my very best regards to Dr. Coffin

Ever gratefully,

Ray Anderson

HARRISON RAY ANDERSON

Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut
August 1, 1951

Dear Dr. Beaver,

At last we have found time to check over and to wrap up the books that are to go to the various mission libraries abroad. Two parcels have already gone, the rest will go this week or next.

In a very few cases we have kept out some of the books you selected. There were a few that my mother wanted to keep and there were some which contained addresses or introductions of Father's which it seemed to me we should keep all together here, but as you will see from the accompanying lists we are not holding back many.

Mother wondered if you would be good enough to write to the directors of the libraries to which the books are going to explain where the books have come from and why they are being sent off. She wishes that we had some brief sketch of Father's life and activities that could go to each library but unfortunately we do not have any available sketch or article which could be sent. I am enclosing some copies of a picture of Father which we all like. If you think it is worth enclosing in your letter of explanation please do so, but use your own judgment about this and do not send it unless you feel it would be wise.

I have kept a copy of the lists of books for each library and an enclosing duplicates which you will probably want to send on to each institution.

We are extremely grateful for all the time and thought you have given to this matter. We are all happy that some of the books can be used in this way. As I have glanced over some of these books I have been struck once again with the courage and vision and heroism of the early missionaries. Most modern church members have no conception of the breadth and scope of the missionary enterprise or of what the modern world owes to many of those forgotten men and women.

I hope your China conference was interesting and worthwhile.

With most cordial greetings to you and Mrs. Beaver,

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Spear

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THE REV. R. PIERCE BEAVER, Ph.D., *Director*

August 10, 1951

Miss Margaret Bailey Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Miss Speer:

Thank you for your letter of August 1 and for the lists of books which have been sent to the several missionary libraries in Europe. I am certain that these books will be gratefully received and highly appreciated by the recipients.

The name and work of Dr. Speer is well known to all the missionary societies to which the books have gone. I think that they will all be pleased to have a photograph of Dr. Speer and I shall forward to each of them one of the photographs which you sent.

With kindest greetings to you and to your mother,

Sincerely,



R. Pierce Beaver
Director

RPB:s

Dictated by Dr. Beaver, but signed in his absence.

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*10/20/52
12-8-52
Sent Forward*

December 24, 1951

Mrs. Robert E. Speer
825 Montgomery Avenue
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Speer:

I was so sorry to learn from your note that your exertions produced a collapse and have required you to live an inactive life. Please do take care of yourself. Your family and friends (even those who do not see you) are greatly interested in this.

The Robert E. Speer Library is at last hopeful of success. The Social Hall, the unfinished business of the Seminary, has delayed the enterprise until now. At the October meeting of the Board, however, it was resolved to appoint a Special Committee on the Library, of which I was appointed Chairman. The Speer Library, probably (for reasons of title to the lot) to be erected around the present red brick library building and immediately behind the brown stone building, is to have first claim on the Seminary's share (probably 38%) of the Church's building fund for seminaries. The aim of the Church, as you doubtless know, is to raise \$4,500,000 for such a fund. Of course this is still in the realm of hope, because the campaign is to cover thirty months, beginning in January. Nevertheless, we have an architect's preliminary sketch, and two weeks ago I had a meeting with Dr. Mackay. Dr. Gapp (the Librarian), Mr. Hird (the Chairman of the Grounds and Buildings Committee) and the Messrs Licht (the architects). I hope that we can have a meeting of the new committee next month, in order to report progress in the plan at the Board meeting the last week in January.

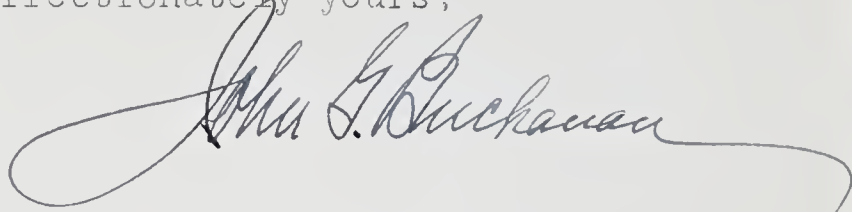
Unfortunately (or perhaps I should say fortunately), I shall not be present at the January Board meeting, because in the same week my second and only unmarried son, Gibson, is to be married at New Haven. The parents of Cathryn Grier, his fiancée, live there, but she has been since the termination of her service as an officer in the Waves secretary to Dr. McIntosh, the Chief of Staff of Babies Hospital, New York, where Gibson served as a resident from January, 1949, to June, 1950. In the succeeding year he was Chief Resident at Children's Hospital here; and last summer he

Mrs. Robert E. Speer - 2

and I had a great trip around the world together by ship, plane, train and automobile. Charity and I had planned to take such a trip when I had been forty years at the bar; but I anticipated the time by one year in order to take advantage of what seemed to be the last chance to take the trip in the company of a member of my family. It was a grand experience, and I hope that sometime I shall see you and have a chance to tell you about it.

With warm regards and best wishes for you and all of your family throughout the coming year, I am

Affectionately yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John G. Buchanan". The signature is written in dark ink and features a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

JGB:LG

P. S.--Since the writing of the above letter I have received word that the meeting of the new Library Committee is to take place on January 10.--J.G.B.

GEORGE INNES
1704 MEADOWBROOK ROAD
ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

12-8-52
Answered
+ Forwarded

January 27 '1952

Dear Mrs. Speer -

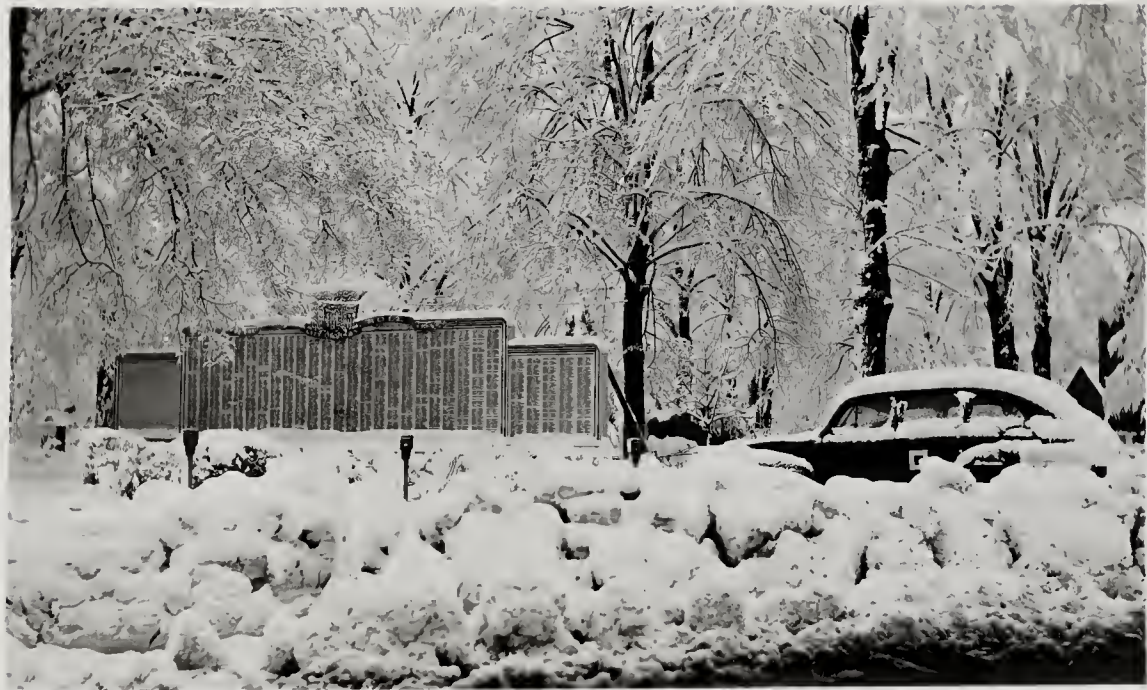
It was kind of you to send to me the holiday greetings.

I have often thought of you and wished for the day to come again when I could send gifts for our Lords Crusade abroad. The last few years have been financially sagging ones but I'm hoping the change will come.

I miss so much the fellowship of dear Robert and others who were companions in rich and sweet fellowship.

Mrs. Innes joins me in happy remembrances.

Sincerely
George Innes



Snow on Honor Roll in Lincoln Park, Olean, N. Y.

POST CARD

ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPH

Olean, N.Y.

Nov 12, '52

Dear My Sister:

Olean is 6 miles from
Portville, where my Father
lived as a boy before
moving to Pinus Woods -

My grandfather was President
and founder of the First National
Bank of Olean - in 1871;
and a Wheeler as a Democrat

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as Mrs. President was since
until quite recently.

The scene on the other
side of the card depicts
the scene that is the
Cumber days, meant good
transportation by means of logs
and square-beam timbers out of the
woods to the Allegheny R.R. -
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Our Master is Here and Calls for Obed.

Dear Mrs. Speer:

Thank you from our
hearts for making
it possible for

future generations to know
about Dr. Speer. His picture
on my study desk

is a daily inspiration
to me -

God bless you day by
day until you are together
again with your own
Yours gratefully Ray Anderson

Oct 16 '52

Yale Club
Vanderbilt Avenue and Forty-fourth Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Wednesday evening -
29 Oct, '52

Dear Mr. Spier:

In the copies of the letters and
manuscript which I left for you on the
desk in the office, the corrections which
you kindly made in the original copies
of the papers were not made. The originals
are in one of the drawers in the desk
you closed for me in my "office". I will
have the corrections made in the two three-page
copies when I return. I have one three-page
copy - and I give you the other.

Many thanks for your patience and kindness.
I will return Wednesday evening and will eat on the
train - Pray for me! As ever yours, W. Rex W.

W. REGINALD WHEELER
114 EAST 84TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY 28
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November 3, 1952

Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Mrs. Speer:

This is just a note to say that I will arrive
at Millerton Wednesday afternoon, November 5.

I was in Philadelphia Friday, and called at
Dr. Blake's office, but he was out of town so I did
not see him.

Thursday evening Connie and I had the pleasure
of hearing General Eisenhower speak at Madison Square
Garden, and he was fine.

Connie joins me in love.

As ever yours,

Ry

WRW/mn

P.S. I will have dinner on the train.



OLEAN HOUSE

OLEAN, N.Y.

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 52

Dear Mrs. Spear:

I am out here in the Allegheny mountains, full of memories of 4 generations of Wheeler lumbermen, and I am happy to report that Duncan Dusenbury, a son of the East Dusenbury partner is our lumber firm of Wheeler and Dusenbury which lasted from 1834 - to 1939, this morning gave me a check for \$500.00 for the biography. That makes a total of \$2,000.00, only \$500.00 to go! I am sure we can secure that, and all of this is without any strings or conditions. We have spent around \$200.00 back to New York tonight

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OLEAN HOUSE

OLEAN, N.Y.

Nov 13. 52

by way of Buffalo.

I will be in Jacksonville, Monday evening,
Nov. 17. If convenient for you and the
staff, Cassin will be with me, for two days.
If not convenient, I will arrive alone.

My best to all the household and
my love to you - and grateful thanks to
the Heavenly Father for blessing the book
and helping more the minds and wills of
friends to help finance its publication.

As ever yours,

W. Rex Wheeler



Mrs. Mrs. Paul Abbott

Christmas Greetings

12-8-52
An unusual
Enclosed
Announcement

435 W 119th St.,
New York 27,
Dec 5, 1952

Dear Mrs. Speer:

This noon at "156" we had a very delightful luncheon with Dr. Arthur Brown as our guest. He was, as you doubtless know, ninety-six years old on Wednesday the third. It was a great joy to see him so vigorous and alert, full of anecdotes and jokes. His voice is still strong, but his hearing has failed some since last year.

When Dr. Kunkle spoke of being one of those who went out under Dr. Brown, the latter picked it up quickly with an incident which happened after Dr. Pale had been killed. Dr. Kunkle, he said, had offered to go and take up the work of the other man.

One of his jokes in response to being called a statesman was the definition of a statesman as a politician who is dead. Another was of a person

who had seen his interview in the N.Y. Times on Wednesday and wrote asking him, "Are you prepared to meet your God?"

Dr. John Smith spoke of the place he had filled in movements outside the Foreign Mission Enterprise, and was still filling. He shyly suggested that perhaps he could guide us better at this time than some of those who were doing so, inasmuch as he had voted for Eisenhower. This was a joke directed at Charles T. Leber who voted for Stevenson.

Dr. Ned Dodd who had been a contemporary of Dr. Brown said that when he joined the staff people were speaking of Dr. Brown as "the grand old man". He was then sixty-five. Then Ned said, "Then I remembered that I am now sixty-five, but no one has yet spoken of me as 'the grand old man'."

At the end our guest spoke of the dark skies of these days, but reminded us that this was not new, there had always been difficulties and obstacles. "The clock of my time points to an evening hour, but morning is in my heart." This was his closing word. Surely he has a tremendous vitality and optimistic spirit and it is beautiful to see.

May Christmas bring you great and good cheer and the peace of which the angels sang as a gift to those of goodwill. Kindly remember us to Margaret. Very truly yours,
Paul & Pessie Abbott

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE CONNECTICUT

Dear Dr. Foster:

Your letter of February 12th is most interesting and I would be very grateful if you could let me have the letter from my husband of which you speak. The whole subject of which he wrote to you was a difficult and delicate one. He gave it most careful thought and I know was very happy when he saw signs of a right and just adjustment being made .

Your association of Women Ministers is extremely interesting because my husband did his best in our Presbyterian Church to see that women had the recognition that they deserve and the Church needed. The Church in Japan had gone far ahead of the Church in this country but our General Assembly was not willing to follow its example.

I enclose a little statement of my own as to Mr. Speer's feeling about a biography.

With all good wishes and thanks for your interest, I am

Yours most sincerely,

Emmie Baileg Speer
(Mrs Robt. E. Speer)

Feb. 16, 1953

W. REGINALD WHEELER
114 EAST 84TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY 28
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February 25th, 1953.

Dear Mrs. Speer:

The beautiful letter from Anita Harris, now head of Colegio Bennett in Rio de Janeiro, which she wrote to you February 3rd, 1953, reached me today. I had a copy made for the book and am enclosing your carbon. Her tribute to "Five Minutes a Day", which was such a source of comfort to her father, will fit in beautifully in the chapter on Dr. Speer's books. We will have one also, as you know, from John Hayes.

I have been working in the Missionary Research Library today at the Union Seminary, and am now dictating to Miss Augustine Schafer, in the evening, at the Board offices. She was the best secretary I have ever known and you can judge her extraordinary character and industry by the fact that she is willing to do this work in the evening after a full schedule in the Board offices. We will work again Friday evening.

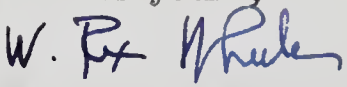
A business matter has come up and I have to be in Philadelphia on Monday, March 2nd. I will accordingly return to Lakeville Tuesday afternoon, March 3rd.

I am doing my best to complete the chapter on Dr. Speer's books this week. As you know, there were sixty-two of them, so it is quite an assignment to include them all in one chapter. I have seen several books which contain quotations of books written by certain authors much as we proposed "The Robert E. Speer Reader" which would include selections from his books. The books are called "The Best of John H. Jowett"; "The Best of Ian Maclaren". So the idea we had of putting out a book containing selections from Dr. Speer's book is, I believe, a practical one. The decision will have to wait until we see what reception is given to his biography, but I am hopeful we can produce this second book as well.

A number of letters have come in which I will bring with me on Tuesday, the 3rd.

The Board will pay Miss Florence E. Smith's fare to California and the trip has been officially approved.

Connie joins in love.

As ever yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler

Mrs. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
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JAMES K. QUAY
VICE-PRESIDENT

March 11, 1953

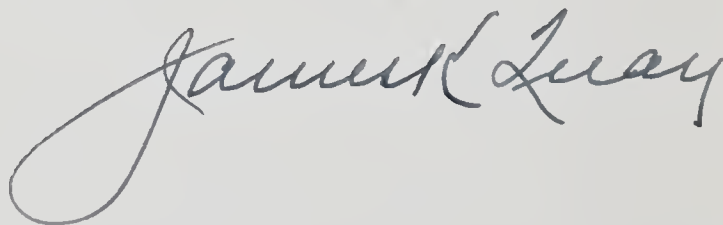
Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Mrs. Speer:

Thanks for your very nice note. We shall of course be delighted to have just as much of Dr. Speer's library as you would like to give us for addition to the books in the new Robert E. Speer Library. They will be appreciated not merely because of their intrinsic worth but also because of the sentiment that will attach to them. What a wonderful friend to Princeton your good husband was. My only regret is that he passed on before I came here. I had the pleasure of meeting him on one or two occasions through the past years but we never really got acquainted.

I do hope Mrs. Quay and I can stop for a very brief visit with you some time this summer on our way to Vermont. It is always an inspiration to talk with you.

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James K. Quay". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

19 Northview Avenue
Upper Montclair, New Jersey

April 18, 1953

Mrs. R. E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

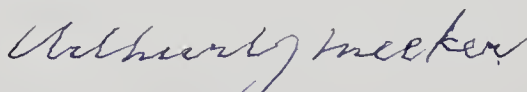
My dear Mrs. Speer:

I am writing you because of a long cherished hope, which some of us have entertained, that there might someday be an adequate biography written of the life and missionary leadership and statesmanship of your distinguished husband. Those who had the privilege of hearing him at Northfield in our student days would represent in their enthusiasm that which I believe the youth of today would feel were they to have before them a vivid story of the life, the travels and the service of Dr. Speer over the many years and of his passion to bring the knowledge of the Gospel and the power of Christ and his Holy Spirit into the lives of the peoples of the world through the outreach of the missionary enterprise.

On several occasions during the past few years, this subject has been discussed by a few of Dr. Speer's intimate friends and it has occurred to some that if you were willing, Dr. John A. McKay, President of Princeton Theological Seminary might be induced to undertake such a task because of his love and high regard for your husband and his own devotion to the great cause of missions.

I hope that this suggestion would not be a tax to you and should be glad indeed if you or your daughter might indicate whether such a suggestion would meet with your approval. Recalling with deep gratitude the blessing which has come into my own life from association with him and the pleasure of meeting with you at your home in Lakeville, believe me,

Faithfully yours,



Arthur Y. Meeker

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Dr. W. Reginald Wheeler
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Rex:

I am pretty sure I can identify the author of the statement you sent me - Thomas W. Hotchkiss, who died a few days ago on March 30th.

In the first place, he was born in Elmira and got his secondary education there. His father was Consul General in Ottawa. This accounts for the reference to those two places. In the third place, he was on the J. O. (Junior Orator Contest) and was brought up against Speer in that way. In the fourth place, he had probably not known Speer at all well before then so that Speer's abilities had not been well known to him. Finally, his wife, with whom I have had correspondence, always alluded to him as "Tom." These five different things all fit in with the letter which I am returning.

Hotchkiss was in the Scientific Department and as far as I can recall was not interested in the religious life of the class. Neither Speer or I knew him at all well. I don't know that I can say anything about him except that the items that I have mentioned fit in perfectly with the contents of the letter. I know of no other classmate these things would apply to. The testimony he gives is certainly a striking one.

I hope you are making good progress in your work. If I can help in any other way, do not hesitate to call upon me.

As perhaps you know, Mrs. Sailer was operated on last month for cataract but is recovering and expects soon to feel at home with her new glasses.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



T. H. P. Sailer

THPS:s
Enc.

This Joint Commission is related administratively to the Division of Christian Education and serves the missionary education interests of all units in the National Council.

(Bobby Spear's remarkable triumphs.)

+ return Bessie's letters

(RETURN TO W. K. WHELFORD
ROCKLEDGE, LAVERGNE, CANADA)

Princeton N.J.
[Mar. 8 (or 9)] - 1898

Ruth's Grand Home
E. Canada

My Dear and Good Mamma,

I received your letter with Bessie's enclosed this morning and another yesterday. It is very thoughtful of you to send me her letters. I like to read them. They show where her mind and heart are fixed, and she tells what is transpiring in Ottawa, and talks about herself and her surroundings. When she writes to me, it is generally to give advice - to which I have not the slightest objection - but this occupies so much of the space of her letters that she only mentions the social subject, without going into details.

I sent her the last number of the Lit. the other day, which contains a prize story by Bobbie

Speer which I think is, without exception, the best story I have seen in the Lit. Speer is on the J.O. from Chis Hall. I have mentioned him before to you. He will take 1st J.O. without doubt, they say his speech in the preliminary contest was remarkable.

He is a remarkable man. Ehuira was proud of Will Caruschan who brought home \$600 in prizes from college and stood first in his class. But here is a man who

is first in everything he attempts, and there is not a field of action in Princeton College which he has not entered and mastered. ^{He} is fine looking, sincere, active, earnest — a model of a man. Read his story in the Lit. when you have the opportunity.

I see by Bessie's letter which you sent to me, that she has been supposed to be connected with an

American newspaper as reporter.

Why would it not be a good idea for her to take such a position? It is an admirable field for her to write in, for she is in the whirl of Ottawa society. She might send two or three articles to the New York Tribune - then apply for the position as correspondent.

We are engaged in a very distasteful work, which I have just come from. I mean the dissection of pigeons in connection with the study of morphology. Our specimens were new when we began the subject, but they have passed through the various stages of "pickeling", to keep them from week to week so that they are now in a condition as bad almost as putrefaction. And the odor of them is something repulsive to the senses. But we are "getting used to it," and, what is more to our advantage, learning something about the structure of the bird. The aesthetic element in the subject is so secure that we cannot see it, though

doubtless Herbert Spence would have
seen even beauty in it. This P.M.
we take a "final" in English Literature.
This subject covers - for this exam. -
the rise and development of Eng
Drama before Shakespeare. This
subject is truly fascinating, and now
that we are allowed to go behind the
fence in the library, it is the poetry
of life to browse around among the
books, nibbling here and there upon
the works of authors we are studying.
I think the drama is the most
interesting form of literature, when in
the hands of the great writers, like
Marlowe and John Lyly and Shakespeare.

I am glad to know that you took
a little vacation and went to the Open House.
I should like to see Hodjerska. If
you see anyone that you know, tell me
all about what you say to them. I wish
you would take some opportunity and
call up Mrs. J. Scott Baldwin and get a
good batch of Elmira news for me. She
no doubt can tell you much - perhaps
gossip a little.

I am very well
but inclined to worry about the oration - I
have scarcely any time to devote to it.

Lovingly
You.

A letter written in the spring of Robert Speer's Junior year supplies an impression of him as recorded by a contemporary in the college. "The last number of the LIT contains a prize story by Bobby Speer which I think is, without exception, the best story I have seen in the LIT. Speer is on the J. O. from Clio Hall. He will take the first J. O. without doubt; they say his speech in the preliminary contest was remarkable. He is a remarkable man who is first in every thing he attempts and there is not a field of action in Princeton College which he has not entered and mastered. He is fine-looking, sincere, active, and earnest, - a model of a man. "

March 8, 1876

EDWIN C. LOBENSTINE
1148 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 28, N. Y.

April 19-1953

My dear Mrs. Speer:

Thank you most heartily for sending me a copy of one of Robert's earliest books, *The Man Christ Jesus*. It brings back vividly a visit of his to Yale College in my Freshman year. There was a succession of Secretaries of the Student Volunteer Movement. Robert made the deepest impression on me; both then and later at the Quadrennial meeting of the Movement in Detroit. At that gathering he made a long - two hour speech on the watchword of the S.V.M.

Thank you for what you wrote in the book and the reminder of our search for sufficient warm clothing - and two hot water bottles - to enable the party to see the dancing without a too

great danger of contracting pneumonia by so doing.

With best wishes to you and Rex and others as you all seek to make the story of Robert's life and thought an inspiration to the youth of the mid-twentieth century.

Sincerely yours

Edwin Lobenstein

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Princeton, New Jersey

May 7, 1953

Mrs. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Mrs. Speer:

It was a great privilege when Dr. Speer some years ago granted me access to his manuscripts as a help toward the preparation of a theological history of the Presbyterian Church since 1869, which I was preparing.

My manuscript is now completed and ready for publication, and I am writing to request permission to quote certain excerpts from his letters that shed very valuable light on the work of the important Special Commission of 1925, of which he was a leading member. Enclosed please find these excerpts, which I would like to embody in a single paragraph. I would also respectfully request permission to cite without quotation two other letters, as indicated on the enclosure.

The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions granted me access to its manuscripts on condition that I secure the Board's permission before quoting anything. I shall of course fulfill this condition and secure its permission before quoting anything from its files. But because a manuscript which I am asking the Board's permission to quote is from a letter by Dr. Speer, I think in courtesy I should ask your permission also. I am eager to use this quotation because it states so graphically and cogently Dr. Speer's attitude toward theological controversy. You will find this excerpt enclosed.

I do hope that you will find it possible to consent to my publishing these brief quotations and citations. They do not reflect in any way on any person living or deceased, and at the same time shed very valuable light on developments in the Presbyterian Church.

I recall with great appreciation your gracious hospitality and Dr. Speer's granting of such generous access to his manuscript treasures. It is very pleasant to have this more intimate and informal recollection of Dr. Speer in his home. Your courtesy in considering the present request is much appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Lefferts A. Loetscher
Lefferts A. Loetscher.

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Mr. Speer

Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Loetscher:

I can see no possible reason why these paragraphs that you would like to use cannot be used without question, but since Dr. Wheeler is working on Mr. Speer's biography, I am sharing with him your letter and these quotations and asking him to write to you himself.

The quotation from Mr. Speer from a letter to Dr. Hayes of July 8, 1921, is so delightfully characteristic that I am sure Dr. Wheeler will be happy to have it brought to his attention.

When the biography is finished and the children and grandchildren have had what they can use from Mr. Speer's library, I will hope to have you come up again to see what books of the remainder the Seminary can use.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

/s/

Emma Bailey Speer

May 9, 1953

May 13, 1953

Professor Lefferts A. Loetscher
43 Hibben Road
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Professor Loetscher:

Mrs. Robert E. Speer has sent to me the enclosed material related to the history (theological) of the Presbyterian Church since 1869, on which you have been working, and has written a note, dated May 9, 1953, which is enclosed, giving her cordial approval of your using this material for your book.

I was very much interested in the word about your history, and I hope very much I may have the opportunity of conferring with you about certain phases of that history in which Dr. Speer was involved. As you know, I am working on Dr. Speer's biography which will be published by Harpers next spring, and I would value very much your permission to confer with you concerning these two books.

If you will let me know when it will be convenient for me to visit Princeton and to see you, I will be grateful for that opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler

WRW/mn

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

May 30, 1953

Manuscript

Mrs. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Mrs. Speer:

Thank you very much for your letter
of May 25.

I was delighted to hear that you plan to deposit Dr. Speer's very valuable manuscripts in Princeton Seminary's new library. Your letter asked whether there is a fireproof building at the Seminary where they may be stored before the new library is completed. Upon inquiry I find that the present library is not technically fireproof, but the circulating library on Stockton Street is well built, with its floor laid on brick, and the building itself is constructed of brick. It is equipped with the latest electronic fire alarm system. The Seminary thus has good facilities for storing these valuable papers as soon as Dr. Wheeler has completed his use of them and you are ready to deposit them.

At the time he replied regarding the quotation from Dr. Speer's papers concerning which I wrote to you, Dr. Rex Wheeler suggested a conference growing out of our mutually complementary interests -- his in Dr. Speer's biography and mine in the theological history of the Presbyterian Church since 1869. We have therefore arranged a meeting in Princeton for June 16.

Your generous desire to see these important papers of Dr. Speer made available for the use of scholars is wonderfully fine. After having had the privilege of using them, I am most eager to see this come to pass. If there is anything at all that I can do to be of help when the time comes, or in the interval, please let me know, and I shall be most happy to do it.

Very sincerely yours,

Lefferts A. Loetscher

Lefferts A. Loetscher.

C O P Y

College of Theology
Silliman University
Dumaguete City
Negros Oriental
Philippines

July 16, 1953

Dear Mrs. Speer:

This past February 17, you wrote me that you would be glad to have me send you a letter I wrote you I had received from Dr. Speer (probably early 1920's) concerning Syrian Christian leaders and their status in missionary relationships in Syria. I was in Atlanta until well into June, and after returning to my family in Cleveland, Ohio, I tried to find the letter among my files there. It did not come to light in various files in which I looked for it, and indeed, there were a number with which I could well have classified it, some of them very voluminous. I am confident the letter is there, and I hope to look more thoroughly, but to my great surprise I learned at six one evening that I ought to take a train that night to reach the freighter, China Bear, at San Francisco. I thought the journey was considerably farther ahead, and of course had much to do by way of preparation. However, I was glad indeed that I could start then, for having retired perforce (age) from Morehouse College, School of Religion, I agreed to donate an academic year of teaching of New Testament (my field), and other related teaching at the college noted above. Their year opened June 15, so I am late enough.

I am extremely sorry not to send the letter in time for its possible use in the biography of Dr. Speer, but I do expect to find it eventually and hope it will be welcomed in the collection to be housed in the Princeton library. I am thrilled to know it is to be named for him and that all this data is to be preserved. (I shall probably be gone for two⁴ years-or about two). Tho' Dr. Speer did not know me, I felt I knew him, and he meant a very great deal to me. Especially was I impressed by his dynamic and deeply spiritual plea, "Defense of the Interchurch" at General Assembly, Philadelphia, 1920. I do have that and the one of James M. Speer, in a copy of Christian Work published that May, and have it here with me. I suppose it may be also in the accumulation of items already in hand.

I can easily and gladly send it from Dumaguete if it is wanted by Dr. Wheeler or the Library, however. I wanted to include your statement in your letter about Dr. Speer's interest in the ordination of women in the Presbyterian Church, in the annual report I wrote in the short time I was home this June. I write one each summer for the Assembly of the Amer. Association of Women Ministers. I refrained because I had not asked your permission to use it, but unless you write me to the contrary I think I shall use it next year! I am going to mention two items here, of interest at least to you, I think. I do not remember when during my years at Old Stone Church, Cleveland, Ohio, (1912-26), as Missionary Assistant, a lady whose name I forgot told me her son and Dr. Speer had been fellow students at Princeton and that Dr. Speer had visited her home when her son brought him there during college days(I think they were still students). What she especially remembered was that Dr. Speer said he wanted to work in the most difficult mission field he could find.

This second story you may know well. A friend, Carrie Smith, told it to me after her return from the Biennial in St. Paul. If I remember rightly, that was in 1929, the year General Assembly decided to ordain women as deacons or elders. It seems that while the matter was still being discussed there, the women were considering it in Biennial also. Carrie Smith said that Dr. Speer and Dr. Mudge came into their assembly while some woman was in a flood of oratory about the shock St. Paul would have if ordination were proposed in his presence. When she had finished, Dr. Speer was invited to say something. As closely as I can recall it, it was: "If Dr. Mudge and I followed St. Paul literally, of course on coming into your presence we ~~and~~^{ought} to have greeted each of you ladies with a Holy Kiss." I have told this story more than once. And, by the way, since my doctoral thesis at the University of Chicago was on St. Paul's attitudes toward women I am trying to find publications ready to publish some of my findings before the World Council meets at Evanston, for I have many proofs that the full status of women is hindered by misunderstanding of Paul's position, which actually was completely favorable to women's equality with men in church activities. Years ago Woman's Press, Woman's Pulpit, and Religious Digest printed an article I wrote on the subject, but much more is needed now.

Sincerely yours,

Hazel E. Foster

October 29, 1953

Dear Dr. Beaver:

Going through the Jerusalem file of which I have written you, I came on the enclosed. This I think surely was written by my husband and it may throw some light on whether he wrote the "Jerusalem Message", of which I can not find any indubitable copy. The enclosed little article by Will Shell may throw some light on it and he, himself, whom you could reach by telephone may have further accurate knowledge.

As a matter of fact, the authorship of the Jerusalem message is not really important and my husband would be the last to claim or to want credit. The only thing that matters is the value of the message which I hope is still ringing down the years.

Please don't take on too heavy a load for the winter. It really is true that when screw tape can't tempt a good man in any other way, he does tempt him to over-work.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Pierce Beaver
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THE REV. R. PIERCE BEAVER, Ph.D., *Director*

November 4, 1953

Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Speer:

Thank you for your two recent letters and the two items about the Jerusalem Conference, which were received while I was away from the office on a trip.

It seems impossible to decide what the exact contribution of Dr. Speer and Archbishop Temple individually to the Jerusalem message may have been. I think that the best that can be said is that it was the product of their joint authorship. That ought to satisfy both British and Americans. Many thanks for your help.

Wilma and I enjoyed reading Mr. Wilmer together, the first reading aloud together that we have done for many years. We shall bring your books back at an early date.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

R. Pierce Beaver

ASKED THEM TO COME TO LUNCH AT THEIR CONVENIENCE. R. Pierce Beaver

P.S. Your letter of November third has just arrived. I shall be looking for the additional material on the Jerusalem Conference. Many thanks for sending it to us.

THE PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Charles A. Anderson, Executive Secretary
Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

April 18, 1956

Dr. W. Reginald Wheeler
114 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Rex:

Now that you have published this illuminating biography on Robert E. Speer, I want to write to you about Dr. Speer's papers.

Because Dr. Speer had such an outstanding influence throughout the Presbyterian church over a period of so many years, his papers are of great importance to the history of the Presbyterian church. I hope Mrs. Speer and her children will see that his papers are permanently preserved for the benefit of oncoming generations.

May I ask you to be so kind as to discuss this matter with Mrs. Speer and suggest to her that she deposit Dr. Speer's papers with the Department of History of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. in order that they may be sure of permanent preservation and use for the benefit of the church.

With all good wishes I remain,

Cordially yours,

/s/ Charlie Anderson

Charles A. Anderson

COPY

May 18 '56

Dear Dr. Gapp:

Rex Wheeler has told me of your need of copies of a number of Mr. Speer's books and your request that, if the family has duplicates, we might share them with the Library.

When my children and the grandchildren have had an opportunity to go over their grandfather's books and to choose the ones that they can use and have room for, there may possibly be some that we can share with the Princeton Seminary Library. But just at present there is nothing that I can do about either my husband's books or his papers. I assembled and went over, with Rex Wheeler's help, all that I could put my hand on but Mr. Speer's large working library and most of his files and records are in a building, unheated in winter and inaccessible to me because of my lameness. Our children are scattered and all working very hard with little free time, so that none of them have as yet been able to go over the books and papers as they would like to do. In rereading the biography, I find so many things that had to be omitted because of space and cost, that if strength is available, I would like to write - for the children and grandchildren - a supplement to the biography. But this, like many other things, may never come to pass.

Of the books missing from your list, I have no extra copies and must, for the present, keep my shelf of his books complete. I can only suggest that you advertise for those which are lacking.

We have always had in mind that eventually a great part of Mr. Speer's library and some of his letters and papers should go to Princeton. And this we will try to do when the library building is finished.

May 18, '56

Yours sincerely,
s/ Mrs. R.E.S.

W. REGINALD WHEELER
114 EAST 84TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY 28
BUTTERFIELD 8-3752

April 23, 1956

Dear Mrs. Speer:

Enclosed are copies of the following letters: April 18, 1956 from Kenneth S. Gapp, PhD., Librarian of the Princeton Theological Seminary Library, asking for certain copies of Dr. Speer's books which he would like to purchase for the Library; April 18, 1956 from Dr. Charles A. Anderson, Executive Secretary of the Presbyterian Historical Society, Witherspoon Bldg., Philadelphia 7, Pa., with congratulations on the biography, and asking if you would be willing to deposit Dr. Speer's papers with the Department of History in Philadelphia.

I have written Dr. Gapp that I was sending his letter about the books needed at Princeton to you, with the expectation that there might be some of these desired volumes in your library that you might be willing to sell to the Seminary. The Seminary Library is looking forward to receiving Dr. Speer's books now in your possession for deposit in the new library at the Seminary which is to bear his name, and Dr. Gapp also asked that letters and papers of Dr. Speer should be sent to Princeton. I think myself it would be better to deposit books and papers of Dr. Speer in the Princeton Seminary Library which is to bear his name, but the decision is for you to make. Will you clear this with Dr. Anderson personally and also write Dr. Gapp about the books he desires? After you have cleared with him, I will tackle the Presbyterian Foreign Board Library.

On April 19th, I spoke at the Biblical Seminary in New York, whose head, Dr. McKee, is a warm admirer of Dr. Speer. The audience of students and faculty was most responsive. Time was allowed for questions and some of the questions propounded were most interesting. One student asked what I thought was the most characteristic note struck by Dr. Speer, and I replied that it was difficult to answer in one sentence, but that I believed his emphasis on devotion to Christ, and his ability in leading others into a similar devotion were two outstanding characteristics of his life and work. Bill Miller, Jr. is in the student body and had luncheon with me after the meeting.

If convenient for you, Connie and I would like to go to Lakeville, Friday, May 18, but would expect to return to New York that evening. Connie joins in love.

As ever yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler

WRW/mn

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 13, 1956

Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Speer:

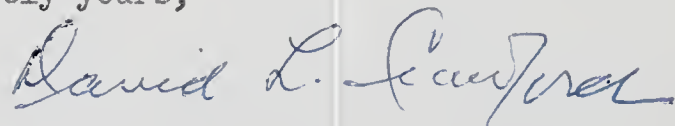
Before leaving for a series of meetings in Europe, Dr. Mackay requested me to inform you of the date for the laying of the corner stone of the Robert E. Speer Library. The Board of Trustees has set September 20 for the meaningful occasion. We share in your hope that some members of your family may be able to be present.

You will be glad to know that the actual construction is well under way. The steel for the superstructure was received prior to the strike. The architect states that the only delay may come when it is time for the installation of the stacks. The theological symbols for the columns immediately above the doors will be fashioned by one of America's finest artists. Dr. Mackay has seen some of the clay models and is very pleased.

I know that Dr. Mackay will be in touch with you when he returns to the campus.

With kindest wishes,

Sincerely yours,



David L. Crawford
Assistant to the President

DLC:md

MBB write 7-18-56 to Mr Crawford
to say that some of us would
surely be there.

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

JAMES K. QUAY
VICE-PRESIDENT

Greensboro, Vermont
August 9, 1956

Mrs. Robert E. Speer,
"Rockledge"
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Mrs. Speer:

Your letter of August 4th has been forwarded to me here as you requested. I am sure we shall all be happy to have as many representatives of the Speer family as possible present both at the laying of the cornerstone and at the dedication of the building. You yourself will be greatly missed. Perhaps you may still find it possible to come. I hope so.

It will be very helpful to have this letter of yours to guide us in extending invitations to all who you think might wish to come.

We shall look up Theology Today for April, 1948. I am sure someone who has a part in the program will wish to make use of it. I am asking my office to send you a copy of the Bulletin containing the sermon of Doctor Mackay to which I referred.

Mrs. Quay and I will be delighted to stop and have another little visit with you when we return to Princeton. The exact timing of this trip will depend on the birth of a grandchild, and it is possible that we may be in too much haste to make the stop. We shall let you know. It was good of you to ask us.

Ida joins me in very warmest wishes,

Sincerely,



PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 26, 1956

Dear Mrs. Speer,

The only thing lacking to have made last week's Cornerstone Laying perfect was your own presence. It was a joy, however, to have your daughter, Margaret, your granddaughter, and Rex Wheeler in the company.

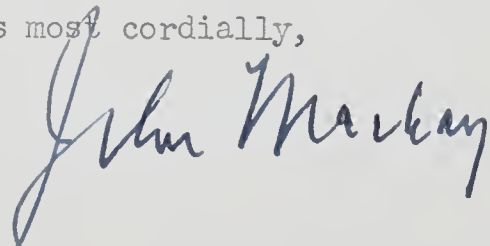
All going well, the formal dedication ceremony will take place around Commencement time in June. It would be wonderful if you could be with us at that time.

I will ask our Librarian, Dr. Kenneth Gapp, to make arrangements to see what remains of Dr. Speer's library which you kindly offer to the Seminary. I am naturally deeply disappointed that the most valuable part of his library, the pamphlets to which you refer, have not found a home in our Library. Even though we did not have the new Library, there was ample space for a collection of that kind which would have made a wonderful addition to the Benson Collection of Hymnology and the famous Sprague Collection of early American theological pamphlets.

Seminary has just opened with a very large student body, 480 in all, of whom 50 are Nationals from abroad. This does not take into account the considerable number of missionaries from across the seas who are taking work in the Seminary.

Mrs. Mackay joins me in sending our most affectionate greetings.

Yours most cordially,



Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

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R.E.S.

February 26

1952

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"ROCKLEDGE"

November 9, 1950

Stand on these steps;
Look eastward from this lawn;
See the blue fogs of Sharon, shaded greys of Kent,
The purple roll of Canaan shouldered against the mist,
The opal, sapphire lakes, the lingering green
Of meadow grass, the spread of winter grain,
The burnt-out yellow of November trees,
The stalwart twist
Of elm and maple trunks in summer-faded lees.

Could any scientist
Gauge the degree of light,
Compute the number, mileage, aggregate of these?
What their cash-value, weight of worth?
The glory, tenderness of their varieties?
There is no answer in the range of earth
For these imponderable complexities.

So is it with the estimate of Christ.
He is beyond the grasp of history.
Seen in the flash of glory from recorded chart
He was and IS — and He exceeds them all,
Critics, recorders, dated fact and mystery.
He lives and speaks within the longing heart
More certain than sweet of Summer
Surer than faith in Fall.

—Catherine Aller.



Princeton Theological Seminary

Affectionate greetings

for 1957

from

John and Jane Mackay

Princeton, N.J.



Dec. 31

Dear Mrs Spear

On this last day of the old year I am sending some words of greeting to old friends who are specially dear.

The Spear Library is moving on towards completion. It is going to be a glorious building in every way. Books will begin to be moved into it early in March.

Loving regards from us both
to you and all the other members
of the Spear family

John Mackay



Season's Greetings



Candles on the window sill,
Carols sweet and clear.
How they cause the heart to thrill,
With hope anew each year.
Makes one think of friends like you,
Wishing that you may
Be blessed with peace and happiness
On your Christmas Day.


Thomas Hudson
I was a great admirer of your
late husband.





O, radiant Star of Bethlehem
Shine on us yet again;
Bring peace, and hope, and charity,
To rule the hearts of men!

To

Dear Mrs. Spier:
with my sincerest
love and deep sym-
pathy -
Mary Shepman 

Our sincere thanks for your message

Emma Speer

Mrs. Robert Elliott Speer

Mrs. Elliott Speer

Margaret Bailey Speer

Robert and Constance Speer Barbour

William and Elizabeth Lester Speer

acknowledge with deep appreciation

your message of sympathy

CHW

Dear, dear Mrs. Speer:- It
was very nice you to send
me the delicious home-
made jam. I love good
food, thanks to a relative
who just has daughters
should know how to cook
& keep a house well.
When I heard that Rex was
to have the great honor
of trying to write a book
about your beloved husband,
I began to pray.

I have prayed repeatedly and
earnestly ^{for} my own prayers,
that this great mission of bring-
ing to people near & far, the
vision of the "imperative" of Dr.
Spears' life & work, would be
worthily done. We do not have
"Dr. Spears' Today", or even a
Dr. Spears, to give us that great
imperative, to go to the ends of
the earth and to give all men
free & free to Christ. How we

need it today! We constantly
hear people say how their lives
were completely changed by his
stirring message & his witness to
Christ. There was no hiding
from that!

Ray loves being with you and
it is a great experience for him
spiritually and in friendship, to
be in your home, to work &
live among Dr. Spears' papers &
books.

Way Pat's work and yours
be richly blessed in this
great task.

Always with love and
with thanks again for
your thought of me,
Connie.

Sept. 21st -



The Peonies

Chang Shu-Chi

Emma Dear - Thank you so
much for your sweet note and
for that beautiful foreword to
Rob's Biography. We know how
you felt - but a life like his
is for the ages - "a city set on a
hill." How thankful we are
for our memories, with their

Treasure of friendship and laughter.
God made him - and you - as he
did St. Francis "in an hour of joy."

Our love to you, as always -
Luce

GOOD-BY TO OLD LENOX

The rate at which American buildings of historic or architectural importance are being demolished in the interests of "progress"—or something—defies imagination. Latest victim to fall before the relentless blows of the wrecking-ball is an interesting example of the Gothic Revival of the Eighteen Forties—Lenox Hall, the charming little library of Princeton Theological Seminary.

Alive to the need for preserving the irreplaceable architectural monuments of America's past, many faculty members and graduate students of Princeton University, the Theological Seminary's nearest neighbor, voiced their protests in vain. The authorities of the Theological Seminary advanced what were to them compelling reasons for demolishing Old Lenox: it was not fireproof, the priceless collection of books needed protection; there was no other place to build a new library.

Letters to The Times

Princeton's Lenox Hall

Decision to Raze Seminary Library to Meet Growing Needs Discussed

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES.
The editorial entitled "Good-bye to Old Lenox" which appeared in The New York Times of Dec. 23 leads me, as president of the institution to which "Old Lenox" belonged, to make a few observations.

The decision to raze this building was taken by the board of trustees of Princeton Theological Seminary only after a very prolonged and thorough study of the seminary's library problem.

The board was confronted with two inescapable facts. First, the only location on the campus which was large enough and central enough for the erection of the kind of library which the institution desperately needed for its growing national and international constituency was the ground occupied by the Lenox Reference Library. Second, all the architectural schemes which were designed through the years by outstanding architects to integrate "Old Lenox" into a satisfactory library structure completely failed.

Basic Requirements

They failed to meet the basic requirements which every true library should meet, technical efficiency in the handling of books and due regard for the safety of books. The trustees, therefore, believing that their obligation toward one of the world's greatest collections of theological literature was greater than their obligation to preserve a charming firetrap, authorized the removal of the building. They did so with great reluctance and sorrow, but with a deep sense of responsibility.

The Times editorial could easily give the impression that general sentiment on the campus of Princeton University was critical of the seminary's action. Outside a small circle this is not so, and, in fairness, the fact should be known by concerned people.

May I be permitted to quote the judgment of two very distinguished men, both belonging to the university faculty. Prof. A. M. Friend, designer of the famed stained glass windows in the university's Gothic chapel, wrote in the Princeton Herald of Oct. 13, 1954, in these terms. Speaking "as a teacher and scholar of Christian Art and Architecture," Dr. Friend, while deploring any architectural policy which would "unnecessarily" lead to the demolition of "Old Lenox," said this:

"Neither the university library nor the Institute for Advanced Study has a collection of books remotely adequate for scholarly work in Biblical and liturgical texts, theology and church history, subjects without which the study of Christian art and architecture becomes a shallow record of styles without meaning and content, or, in other words, a dead thing.

"It would be a crime, perhaps worse than vandalism, if the long history of a great library should be destroyed while any delay obstructs the erection of a fireproof structure to house this fundamental collection. This, as I see it, is the core of the matter and it has brought sadness to me to note how little appreciation of the books themselves has been shown by so many of your correspondents. It is this indifference which is, in itself, perhaps the most destructive. An amount of what seems to me emotional antiquarianism runs through the several letters written for the preservation of the old library building."

Necessity for Demolition

But was the demolition of "Old Lenox" really "unnecessary"? Could it possibly have been avoided? Lovers of beauty who are also lovers of truth and justice will be interested in the following answer to that question by the distinguished Director of the School of Architecture of Princeton University. Writing on Dec. 6 to the editor of The Princeton Alumni Weekly this distinguished architect says:

"I really do have to disclaim the statement [made by one of his colleagues] that I have indicated 'a firm belief that a good architectural solution to the Princeton Theological Seminary's much needed library expansion could be found which would allow Lenox Hall to be preserved.'

"I have every reason to believe that the seminary trustees and administration, together with their professional advisers, strove valiantly both to save Lenox Hall and build their library within the resources available. It is only fair to accept their considered judgment after all the evidence had been presented."

Preserving Monuments

I agree entirely with the editorial which has occasioned this letter when it says "The issue is not a local one." I equally agree with the suggestion that it is most desirable that a "responsible public body" be constituted which would have wide authority to prevent the disappearance of our country's architectural monuments.

It would be part of the responsibility of such a commission to appraise objectively every claim put forward that a given building is truly a monument of American culture. The commission would give its judgment also as to the circumstances and conditions under which an institution, in the interests of culture itself, might be justified in adopting a radical policy toward some venerated structure.

Such a body, which would necessarily include in its membership representatives of diverse branches of culture and of public life, would have this additional advantage: It would guarantee that each time some revered relic of yesterday was in peril an institution which took seriously its cultural responsibility toward the present and the future would not be subject in the shaping of its architectural policy to the exclusive judgment of well-intentioned esthetes and antiquarians.

JOHN A. MACKAY,

President, Princeton Theological Seminary.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 27, 1955.

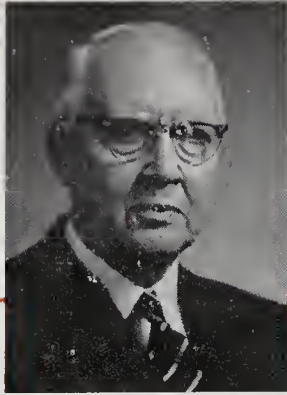
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John A. Mackay

President

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- . . . in prisons and in hospitals
- . . . in mining camps
- . . . in the cattle country of the great plains
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Robert E.
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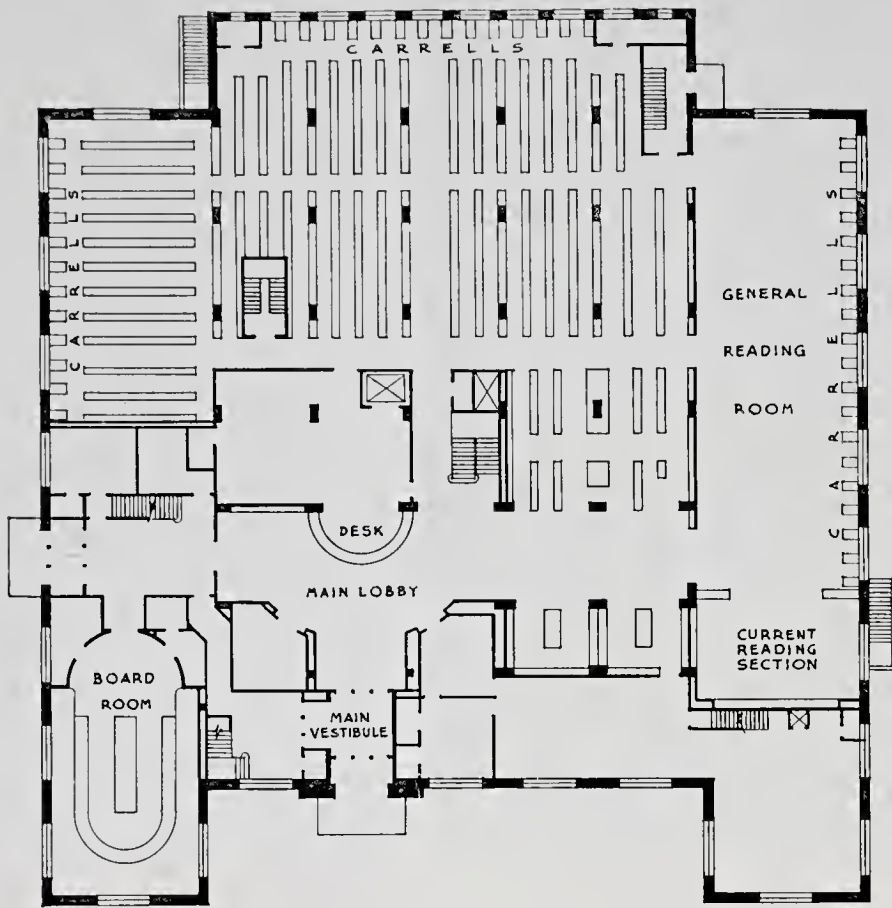
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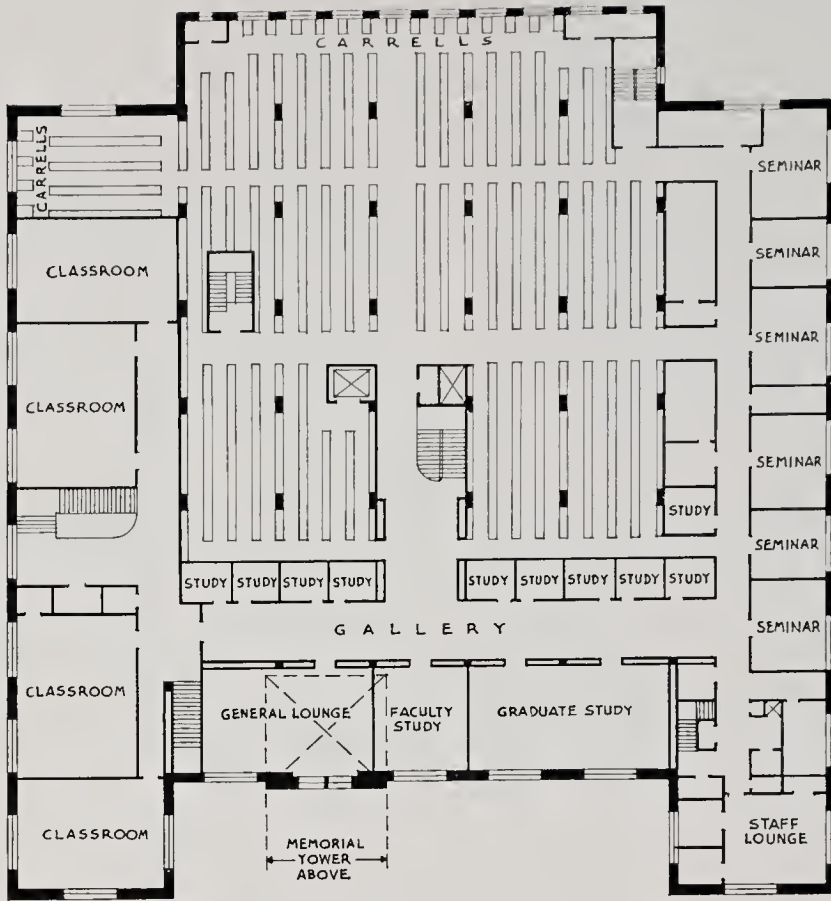
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